



## DG News Update: Special Issue Vol. I

*This is the first of a series of special DG News Updates marking the 10 years of the DGP-Net. We are pleased to launch the [DGP-Net Lessons Learned Series](#) focusing on [Community of Practice Strengthening Process](#).*

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### Feature Topic

#### [Leadership and Innovation in Governance Series: Maximizing the Impact of Leadership Support Interventions \(Part 2\)](#)



[12/11/08] In late 2007, the Global Leadership Initiative (GLI) Research Project set out to register globally the importance of leadership support for improving governance and achieving development outcomes. In our last issue, we reviewed the project's leadership support services in developing countries, and across different contexts to improve our understanding on how the services have made a difference, what has worked and why. This second installment of our Leadership and Innovation in Governance series about the GLI addresses the lessons learned from this research project. To submit and view comments to this news item, please visit our Wiki at [http://sdnhq.undp.org/wiki/Leadership\\_in\\_Governance\\_Series\\_more...](http://sdnhq.undp.org/wiki/Leadership_in_Governance_Series_more...)

### Special Announcement!

#### [Welcome to Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi: Director of Democratic Governance Practice, BDP](#)



[11/11/08] On November 11 2008, Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi (South Africa) was appointed as the Director of the Democratic Governance Practice. Geraldine brings over 14 years of service to her government in various positions, most recently as Minister for Public Service and Administration and Member of the South African Parliament. She has also served in a number of leadership roles within Parliament, including as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Rules of the National Assembly of the Parliament of South Africa. [more...](#)

### Practice News

#### [Timor Leste: Advancing the Women's Empowerment Agenda](#)

[10/11/08] UNDP is targeting the National Parliament in Timor-Leste in a renewed bid to ensure that Asia's newest state is grounded on gender equality and inclusive growth. The centerpiece of the new project is the Centro de Estudos de Genero (CEG) or Gender Resource Centre. The CEG is a three-year initiative of the Women Parliamentarians' Caucus, a women's lobby within the National Parliament. It is supported by UNDP's Parliament Project and UNIFEM through its Integrated Programme for women in Politics and in Decision Making (IPWPDM). The CEG is "seen as institutionalizing commitment to struggle for gender equality and women's empowerment in the country." [more...](#)

#### [3rd Global Anti-Corruption Community of Practice \(ACCoP\) Meeting - Athens, Greece](#)



[03/11/08] [Contributed with thanks by Darko Pavlovic and Julia Keutgen, New York.] The 3rd Global UNDP Anti-Corruption Community of Practice (CoP) meeting took place in Athens, Greece on October 28th and 29th 2008. The overall theme of the CoP was "Refocusing UNDP's Anti-corruption Work in the context of UNCAC and UNDP realignment process". The CoP gathered 40 UNDP anti-corruption practitioners, coming from Country Offices from all 5 regions, representatives from all Regional Bureaus/Centers and the HQ. The ACCoP was organized at a moment when anti-corruption is becoming one of the major service areas in the BDP Democratic Governance Group. [more...](#)

### **13th IACC: Global Transparency: Fighting Corruption for a Sustainable Future**



[23/10/08] [Contributed with thanks by Darko Pavlovic and Julia Keutgen, New York.] The 13th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) was held in Athens, Greece from October 30th to November 2nd 2008 under the theme "Global Transparency: Fighting Corruption for a Sustainable Future". The IACC brought together 1500 leading practitioners and experts from the private, public and non-profit sectors to collectively formulate innovative and effective solutions, as well as forge partnerships, to better tackle the increasingly sophisticated challenges posed by corruption. The participants discussed how corruption undermines all facets of sustainability: fostering conflict and violence, distorting natural resources exploitation, aggravating climate change and deepening global inequalities. [more...](#)

## **DG CoP on WIKI**

### **DGP-Net Scrapbook: 10 years of Knowledge Sharing**



[02/11/08] As the DGP-Net is celebrating its 10 years of knowledge sharing, we are very pleased to invite you, to share your thoughts, stories, and critiques on this long journey with the Democratic Governance Community of Practice. We have created a wiki-space for you to add to the 'Celebrating Knowledge Sharing' scrapbook! You are welcome to send comments, memories; and stories with pictures to DGP-Net. [more...](#)

### **DGP-Net Lessons Learned Series: Strengthening Community of Practice - A Strategic Agenda for Action**



[07/11/08] The value of Communities of Practice (CoPs) should be measured by the usefulness they bring to practitioners in their work and their ultimate development impact. Of course, value can be added to the CoPs through a host of activities, including Face to Face (F2F) meetings, support missions, study tours, virtual discussion forums, mutual support initiative, innovation fund, participation fund, fellowship, intensive CO-to-CO support, e-discussion formal training, resource mobilization, etc.). Following wide range of online and offline consultations, the present guidance note attempts to identify some of the lessons learned and good practices to strengthen the CoP processes and functioning. While highlighting different ways communities could impact individuals and organizations (e.g. increasing learning and knowledge sharing or motivation and commitment for members), several factors in the Guidance Note also focus on one of the dimensions of individual and organizational impact: increased performance. [more...](#)

### **Anti-Corruption Knowledge Café**



[28/10/08] For the first time, the Knowledge Café modality was successfully piloted in the context of a UNDP Global Community of Practice meeting in line with the recommendation of the Strengthening Community of Practice Guidance Note (Strengthening Community of Practice: A Strategic Agenda for Action). The Anti-corruption Knowledge Café was integrated as part of the 3rd Global Anti-corruption Community of Practice (AC-CoP) Meeting, 28-29 October 2008 held back to back with XIII International Anti-corruption Meeting, [30 November 02 December 2008, in Athens. The entire CoP process was guided by UNDP CoP good practices and ensured participation by CoP members from the inception. [more...](#)

### **Mapping PAR Programmes and Activities - UNDP**

[31/10/08] [Contributed with thanks by Raul Zambrano, New York.] The UNDP Democratic Governance Group / BDP has recently completed a mapping exercise for Public Administration Reform (PAR) programmes and activities through 2007. The mapping comprised both a users' survey which received feedback from over 70 UNDP PAR practitioners and a detailed analysis of the MYFF data as reported by COs up to 2007. [more...](#)

### **For Comments: UNDP Parliamentary Development Practice Note**

[29/10/08] Prepared by the Democratic Governance Group, Bureau for Development Policy (BDP) of UNDP, the updated version of the 2003 UNDP Parliamentary Development Practice Note draws on UNDP's new experiences and expertise available throughout its network of 166 country offices, as well as on the Global Programme on Parliamentary Strengthening which has an important knowledge development agenda. It is foreseen to be updated again in a couple of years to incorporate new lessons learned, good practices and policy advice. Contributions to enhancing the knowledge and information provided in this note could be made to the Democratic Governance Group Parliamentary Development Team at [parldev@undp.org](mailto:parldev@undp.org) or directly on the wiki. The draft Practice Note can be found on the BDP Wiki. [more...](#)

## **Accountability 2.0: As I See It!**



[31/10/08] [Contributed with thanks by Monjurul Kabir, New York.] Social media is rapidly changing the way social networks and political action are organized and experienced by younger generations all around the world. Fighting corruption essentially becomes collaborative and crowd-based. Decentralised action and organisational forms can be established where it is necessary. Social media can empower people that want to change things. It enables a bottom-up approach by giving voice to the people most affected. The unprecedented use of technology and social networks in the just concluded US Presidential campaign is another example of this. In his wiki based column, Monjurul KABIR argues that Knowledge partnership with private sector and civil society would be critical for widening the frontier of UNDP's 'policy-reach' and, lessening 'knowledge gap'. We also need to get rid of silo mentality; knowledge does not revolve around UNDP/UN good practices and lessons learned only, and, engage with civil society, new media, and private sector actors much more aggressively. [more...](#)

## **Network Happenings**

### **Latest Consolidated Replies**



[01/11/08] Consolidated Reply: Kazakhstan / Comparative Experiences / Promoting Public Access to Information; Consolidated Reply: Georgia / Comparative Experiences / Functional Analysis and Review of Public Institutions; Consolidated Reply: Kazakhstan/Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the UDHR. [more...](#)

### **Open Queries**

[30/10/08] To contribute to any of these open queries and e-Consultations, please send an email to [dgp-net@groups.undp.org](mailto:dgp-net@groups.undp.org). [more...](#)

### **e-Discussion for the Report of the Secretary-General on Peacebuilding and Early Recovery**



[21/10/08] From Monday, 3 November to Friday, 12 December 2008, the UN Peacebuilding Community of Practice will host an e-Discussion for the Report of the Secretary-General on Peacebuilding and Early Recovery as part of the consultation process designed to give stakeholders throughout the peacebuilding community the opportunity to share their views on these issues. The first phase of the discussion will consider issues related to the key areas of the SG Report: enhanced strategy and leadership, enhanced capacity to respond (national, regional and international), and faster and more flexible funding mechanisms and will be co-moderated by Sally Fegan-Wyles, Project Director, SG Report Team, Peacebuilding Support Office. The second phase of the e-discussion will focus on women's engagement in recovery and peacebuilding, as one of the substantive focus areas of the report. UN staff members are invited to participate in the discussion by writing to [pb-cop@groups.un-network.org](mailto:pb-cop@groups.un-network.org). [more...](#)

### **Discussion Circle: Implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325**



[19/10/08] [Contributed with thanks by Diane Sheinberg, New York.] iKNOW Politics is seeking contributions to an online discussion circle on 'Implementation of SC Resolution 1325'. The circle will facilitate ongoing dialogue on ways to promote women's participation in post-conflict decision making. It will address various questions including: how to make 1325 more than a rhetorical gesture or diplomatic tool by governments; how to provide incentives to governments to implement 1325; success stories and examples of women leaders in peace-building and reconstruction processes. To participate in this ongoing discussion circle, please subscribe to iKNOW Politics and select this circle from the list provided. You can initiate a new sub-topic (thread) or comment on a previous post. Also check the iKNOW Politics website for interviews with key women leaders in post-conflict countries - including Dr. Massouda Jalal, Former Minister for Women's Affairs in Afghanistan (2004-2006) and Ms. Maysoon Salem Al-Damluji, Member of the Council of Representatives in Iraq. [more...](#)

## **Announcements**

### **UNDP Resource Guide and Toolkit on Minorities in Development - Validation Consultation**

[05/11/08] [Contributed with thanks by Zanofer Ismalebbe, Geneva.] As a follow-up to the first global consultation on "UNDP's Engagement with Minorities in Development Processes", organized in close partnership with the UN Independent Expert on Minority Issues and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Democratic Governance Group/BDP embarked on a process to develop the "UNDP Resource Guide and Toolkit on Minorities in Development" to address the key conceptual and operational challenges as well as opportunities that emanated during the consultation. Following the progress made, a consultation will be held from 2-3 December 2008 in New York to validate the draft knowledge product from conceptual and practical perspectives, including with the participation of field-based staff. For further information, please contact, Mr. Patrick van Weerelt ([patrick.van.weerelt@undp.org](mailto:patrick.van.weerelt@undp.org)) and Mr. Zanofer Ismalebbe ([zanofer.ismalebbe@undp.org](mailto:zanofer.ismalebbe@undp.org)). [more...](#)

### **Request for Proposals: Evaluation of the Deepening Democracy Programme**

[19/10/08] UNDP Tanzania is seeking to engage a professional institution or firm to undertake the "Evaluation of the Deepening Democracy in Tanzania Programme". The objective of the evaluation is to provide a qualitative and informative assessment of the programme focusing on its design, organization, management, implementation, relationships, and progress towards achievement of the stated programme Outcome. The findings and recommendations from the evaluation will enable the development of suitable strategies for addressing challenges and ensure improved performance in deepening the democratic practice in Tanzania during the remaining life of the programme. All RFPs should be submitted by November 28th. For details on how to obtain the tender documents and the detailed TOR see [more...](#)

### **Call for Nominations: 2008 Amparo Human Rights Awards**

[17/10/08] The Committee members of Amparo Award request the nominations for Amparo Award 2008 from individuals, NGOs or social community groups for one or more women candidates. Amparo Award, established in the memory of Amparo Tomas, a Spanish human rights worker by her friends and family, is given to a woman or a group of women who has shown an outstanding commitment in the protection and promotion of women's human rights in rural areas of Nepal. This award recognizes the work of those women who are fighting for human rights and social justice under difficult circumstances and without much assistance. Kindly submit all nominations by November 24. For further details, please contact [amparoaward@yahoo.com](mailto:amparoaward@yahoo.com). [more...](#)

## **Events**

### **116 Million People Stand up Against Poverty**



[04/11/08] [Contributed with thanks by Salil Shetty, Millennium Campaign.] From October 17 - 19 2008, 116 million people, 2% of the world's population participated in Stand Up and Take Action for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). As the countdown to 2015 begins, the 2008 "Stand Up and Take Action" sent a clear message to world leaders that we will not stay seated while promises to end poverty still remain unfulfilled. [more...](#)

### **Women Running For Top Office: Global Lessons from Presidential Campaigns in the US and Zambia**



[31/10/08] The first session of the UNDP Gender Team's new Lecture Series, "Gender and Development: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities" will be held on Tuesday 18th November from 4-7pm at the Helmsley Hotel in New York. It will focus on the issue of women in politics, and specifically, women in political parties and in elections. Drawing lessons from the presidential campaigns of the U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and Dr. Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika, current Ambassador of Zambia, the lecture will address these women's experiences as female candidates, the barriers they faced and how they addressed women rights and gender equality in their platforms. Please contact Jessica Hughes at [jessica.hughes@undp.org](mailto:jessica.hughes@undp.org) for any additional questions or information. [more...](#)

## **Resources**

### **13th IACC Outcome: Fighting Corruption for a Sustainable Future**



[02/11/08] More than 1300 people, from 135 countries and from the private, public and non-profit sectors, came together in Athens, Greece from 30 October - 2 November 2008 at the 13th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) under the banner "Global Transparency: Fighting Corruption for a Sustainable Future". While recognizing the many innovations in anti-corruption practice and tools, and that the greater part of our work consists in implementing and bettering these, participants noted that this conference was ultimately about people and about putting an end to the misery, alienation and instability that corruption breeds. [more...](#)

### **Primer: Gender Responsive E-governance: Exploring the Transformative Potential - UNDP**

[01/11/08] This fourth primer of the UNDP Gender and Democratic governance series highlights some of the key gender-related issues regarding e-governance in the context of UNDP's Democratic Governance work. It also presents entry points for continued programming on gender and e-governance, and makes recommendations for closing the existing gender gap in specific e-governance interventions prepared by UNDP practitioners and its partners. [more...](#)

### **Reaching Common Ground: Culture, Gender, and Human Rights - UNFPA**



[01/11/08] The UN Population Fund called for international development agencies to focus on cultural politics in order to better understand the countries they are trying to help. "As development workers, we have to partner with forces of positive cultural change to protect human rights and human well-being," according to the fund's annual State of the World Population Report. [more...](#)



### **Principles for Enhancing Integrity in Public Procurement - OECD**



[30/10/08] OECD countries demonstrated their commitment to promoting good governance in public procurement by approving the "Principles for Enhancing Integrity in Public Procurement" in the form of OECD Recommendation on 16 October 2008. The Principles are a policy instrument to help governments prevent mismanagement, fraud and corruption in the entire public procurement cycle. It will also be a key instrument for policy dialogue between OECD countries, and with non-member countries. In 2011 OECD countries will report on progress made in implementing the Recommendation. [more...](#)

### **Development Synergies in Local Governance - DIIS**

[29/10/08] [Contributed with thanks by Bharati Sadasivam, New York]. This Danish Institute of International Studies report discusses the characteristics of and relationship between three different development intervention models that are currently employed at local government level: democratic decentralization through devolution; community participation; and rights-based approaches. The aim is to identify theoretical and practical synergies between and possibilities for integrating the three models as an element of (i) improving the downward accountability of local government institutions; (ii) enhancing citizens' participation in governance, and; (iii) ensuring more equitable forms of local governance and service provision. This study features 12 new original case studies and shows that there are a number of practical experiences and important theoretical linkages indicating the important gains to be made from exploring ways of integrating and combining the strengths of each of these three intervention models. [more...](#)

## **Job Vacancies**

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### **DG Vacancies and Consultancies**

[31/10/08] To view the latest Vacancy and Consultancy announcements, please see [more...](#)

